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COUNTY: York

CLASS: Site (Home)

--- HARRIETT INSLEY HOME SITE ---

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1. SUBJECT:

Harriett Insley Home Site.

2. LOCATION:

On a place in York County, Virginia, called cream Ridge, about a half a mile down a road leading from the main highway at a point one hundred yards below W. F. Durrett's store on east side.

3. DATE:

Unknown.

4. OWNERS:

Mrs. Harriett Insley.

5. DESCRIPTION:

This old house was one and one-half stories high, with a gabled roof which was shingled. The house was weather-boarded on the exterior and unceiled on the interior and was whitewashed on the exterior. The chimneys were brick and were inside chimneys running through the roof of the house and there were two of them. The windows were small eight pane windows. A narrow stairway leading to the second floor with a door at the foot of it. There were two rooms on the first floor, one at the front, then a platform and then one on the back which was a kitchen and there was one room on the second floor.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This old house now torn away was between eighty five and one-hundred years old. It was built on a place called Cream Ridge and owned by Mrs. Harriett Insley and her husband. After Mrs. Harriett Insley's husband died and all of her children married, she would go around and spend sometime in different peoples homes; She had queer ways, she would go to church and wear a sun-bonnet, and would go to sleep during the services and gape when she awoke.

7. ART:

8. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

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